

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-22-2023]

Foreign-Trade Zone 281 – Miami, Florida; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by Miami-Dade County, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 281, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on March 22, 2023.

FTZ 281 was approved by the FTZ Board on August 2, 2012 (Board Order 1844, 77 FR 47816, August 10, 2012) as an ASF zone. The zone currently has a service area that includes a portion of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the service area of the zone to include all of Miami-Dade County, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the expanded service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed expanded service area is within the Miami U. S. Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to [INSERT DATE 75 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information Section" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov.

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Elizabeth Whiteman, Acting Executive Secretary.

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